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## RAILROADS FAILED AT WAR TEST REASON FOR FEDERAL CONTROL

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## SOCIAL LEGISLATION

## DISCUSSED BY LABOR

Washington, Nov. 24.—A national legislative program that will meet the moral and social needs of the times is considered at a conference of legislative representatives of the A. F. of L. and affiliates, at A. F. of L. headquarters. President Gompers presided.

These representatives, organized as A. F. of L. permanent legislative conference, will meet once a month hereafter during the session of congress. The conference discussed the immigration question at length, as the

Child labor also was considered, the inference being pledged to work for constitutional amendment on that

The conference instructed its chairman to co-operate with United States Senator Norris who is considering the subject of developing hydro-electric power of Great Falls, in the Potomac river, near Washington. Senator Norris proposed the utilization of this power in the last congress. Fully a dozen other important legislative questions were discussed and three committees were appointed to make special studies of important matters.

### FAVORED BY BUSINESS

Washington, Nov. 24.—Linking an organized motor transport with the nation's railroads in the development of a country-wide system of transpor-

It is proposed to make sweeping

changes in the handling and distribution of freight. Store-door collection and delivery to relieve congestion within the crowded terminal areas of large cities, use of organized and responsible motor transport to relieve

To pave the way for these changes is suggested to regulate common carrier operations of motor vehicles by the federal and state commissions, and the systematic development of highways in response to general traffic needs.

### PROBE TRADE DISEASES

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 24.—A commission to study occupational diseases in this state has been named by the governor and the speakers of the senate

The commission has adopted, subject to change, the following schedule

occupational diseases to be included in a bill to be drafted: Anthrax, lead poisoning, mercury, arsenic, phosphorus poisoning, poisoning by nitro-amido derivative and benzol, poisoning by wood alcohol, compressed air illness, chronic ulceration, brass and zinc

Employers, wage earners and all others interested in occupational diseases will be invited to appear before the commission.

## JUICY COPPER PROFITS

New York, Nov. 24.—Lower production costs and increased profits is the new record of the Utah copper

company. Since last July the price of copper has been steadily declining but in the past nine months Utah has earned more than twice the amount necessary to meet its dividends. Net profits were \$4,035,095, against dividend requirements of \$1,624,490.

**EMPLOYMENT GAINS**  
Albany, N. Y., Nov. 24.—During October factory employment increased in this state, according to the department of labor. There was also a gain in September. The total improvement

since August is about 2 per cent.